

## THREE-HOUR FIGHT FOLLOWS RAID ON POLICE BARRACKS

Sinn Fein Burn Trainload of Foodstuffs While Propagandists Emitting Hunger Wail In United States

Dublin, April 23.—Police and military barracks in Kildare, County Clare, were attacked last night by a large party of armed men and a fight ensued which lasted three hours, in which one police sergeant was killed and two soldiers wounded. Two royal marines were taken prisoners, but escaped unhurt. The attackers withdrew without capturing either barracks.

Two hundred raiders held up a train of 34 cars today between Glaslough and Monaghan. The raiders made prisoners of the driver, fireman and guards, and then set fire to the train. The fireman was forced to set the train in motion and jump off the engine. Twenty cars were completely destroyed and more than 200 yards of the railway line suffered damage. A large quantity of flour, meal, groceries and machinery on train was destroyed and the mail bags stolen. It is understood the train was conveying to Belfast goods against which the Sinn Fein boycott has been declared.

**SEIZE TONS OF MAIL**  
Cork, April 23.—Bands of armed men rounded up 50 postmen just as they were leaving the central postoffice today with mail deliveries and took the mails "in the name of the Irish republic."

The haul, weighing several tons, was removed in carts to an unknown destination. As a result, the entire city and the outlying districts were without mails today. The raid was carried out

without attracting the notice of the crown forces on duty nearby.

**INSPECTOR MURDERED**  
Dublin, April 23.—District Inspector Potter of the government forces mysteriously disappeared today, but a clue to the circumstances was discovered when the automobile in which he had been riding was found on a country road, with bullet marks in the car. Apparently Inspector Potter ran into the same ambush near Clogheen, County Tipperary, in which a military ration car was caught last evening.

In this ambush one soldier was wounded, four horses were killed, and two soldiers of a relief party were wounded. The military captured a country cart, together with a machine gun and few bombs.

In County Monaghan this morning a raiding party burned a freight train. The crew was not injured.

**MODERATES DISSOLVE**  
Dublin, April 23.—Moderate organizations formed in southern Ireland to put forth candidates for the southern Ireland parliament and to work out the home rule act have been dissolved. Members of the Dominion League will not intervene unless the British government promises the parliamentary elections will be treated as furnishing a constituent assembly, charged with the task of discovering a solution of the Irish problem.

Lord Deedes, a representative peer of Ireland, and a member of the House of Lords, is said to intend to offer himself for election to the south Irish parliament from North Kildare.

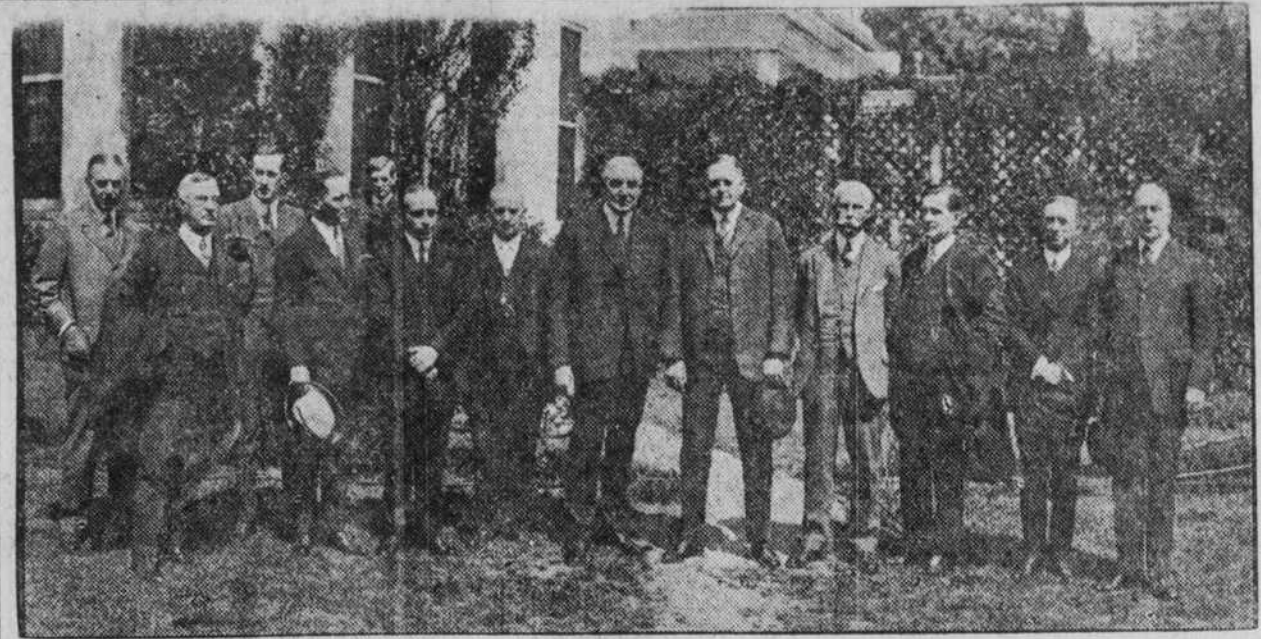
All the elections to be held in northern Ireland will be keenly fought, the nationalists and Sinn Feiners having agreed upon mutual candidates, and the full strength of the nationalist Catholic vote will be pooled.

It seems certain the failure of southern Ireland to provide men for the election will compel the lord lieutenant to nominate men to fill the seats of the southern legislative body.

**LIGI IDENTIFIED  
AS DEATH WAGON  
DRIVER'S FRIEND**

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The man who had been with the driver was urging these two men along. "I noticed that the voice was the same as that of the man I had heard wrang-



Committee of Birmingham men who recently called on President Harding at the White House and invited him to be the guest of Birmingham. President Harding promised to attend the semi-centennial celebration next fall. Left to right—W. W. Walsley, general manager of Alabama Power company; T. H. Aldrich; Hugh Roberts; Frank E. Butler; Charles L. Harold; Albert Stoffer; President Harding; Senator Oscar W. Underwood; Frank P. Glass; Forney Johnston; Thomas W. Martin, president of Alabama Power company; Sidney W. Lee. The man in the rear is Mr. Christian, secretary to the President.—Photo by Clements, Washington, D. C.

ling with the wagon driver and when I looked it was the same man."

Confronting Liggi this afternoon Smith again made a test of the prisoner's voice. When Liggi denied he had ever seen Smith the insurance man declared the voice apparently was the same he had heard both before the explosion and a few minutes after.

Ligi is being held in \$10,000 bail here for appearance before a federal court in Harrisburg, May 2, on a charge of evading the draft.

**TWO SHARP DEVELOPMENTS**  
New York, April 23.—Two sharp developments marked today the search for the perpetrators of the Wall street bomb explosion last September.

In Scranton, Pa., Tito Liggi was positively identified as a man seen talking to the driver of the death wagon shortly before the tragedy, by Thomas J. Smith of Brooklyn, employed in the legal department of an insurance company in Manhattan. The other incident that caused unusual police activity was the suicide of Adolph Laaser, 37 years old, in his furnished room in Brooklyn. In an incoherent diary mentioning half a dozen names of men in New York and Chicago, was written:

"They furnished the wagon load of TNT with which I blew up Wall street."

Close examination of the man's effects and inquiry into his habits while in the Brooklyn house, convinced the police tonight that the suicide was mentally deranged and none of the evidence associated him with the crime. Three will leave his clothing and a few personal effects to persons who could not be located, were among the papers. In another note to his landlady, he said he was "leaving for a better world."

**COMMITTEE VOTES  
FOR CONFIRMATION  
OF NEW GENERALS**

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co-operation of General Edwards in executing plans of the campaign involving his division.

**DIFFERENCES SLIGHT**  
The element of reported difference between General Pershing and General Edwards was said not to have been held paramount by democratic opponents of confirmation. Democratic senators said the issue raised was whether the Senate should confirm for promotion an officer whom General

Pershing had relieved from command, virtually on the eve of battle. The democratic opponents were said to have taken the position that under these circumstances the administration was not justified in striking the name of Brig. Gen. Omar Bundy from the list of officers for promotion and substituting General Edwards.

Secretary Weeks was said to have taken the position that the promotions were a matter purely of judgment. He was said to have asserted that, considering all of the facts and circumstances his "honest judgment" had dictated the recommendations made in President Harding's list.

Asked as to failure to include Col. George V. H. Mosely and Col. Hugh Hays in the list for promotion to the rank of brigadier, Secretary Weeks was said to have told the committee that their age was the entire compelling reason. Neither have had barely more than 22 years' service, the minimum limit fixed in the recent army reorganization law for promotion to brigadier. Other older officers of much longer service might be barred from ever attaining the rank of brigadier, Secretary Weeks was said to have declared, if Colonels Mosely and Drum were promoted immediately. Their promotion at an early date in any event is assured, Secretary Weeks is understood to have declared.

All of the nominations of general officers along with that of Charles G. Dawes of Chicago to be a brigadier general on the reserve list will be submitted to the Senate Monday. No opposition was expressed to the Dawes nomination.

**U. S. MAY ACCEPT  
PARTS OF TREATY,  
DECLARES TARDIEU**

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they are living in huts, for no houses have been rebuilt. I also examined contractors' books. It is undeniable that construction which cost 20,000 francs in 1914 would cost hundreds of thousands today. The comparison, which is general throughout the destroyed zone, will explain the high figures at which the reparations commission necessarily must arrive. Some persons expect a lower figure because the calculations have been made in gold marks. It is important not to be deceived in this connection for the difference existing between the gold standard and paper money is only temporary and Germany's first payments will quickly restore the franc to parity. Despite her protestations to Washington, Germany probably will continue to maneuver to resist payments. Events of the last few months have encouraged her to do so. If a year ago the Germans had been made to understand that the Versailles peace was a serious matter and that her signature must be honored, the coercive steps being contemplated today would be unnecessary.

**TAX LEAGUERS IN  
SESSION IN MANY  
ALABAMA CITIES**

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representative J. C. Lee were present and expressed themselves as in sympathy with the movement.

**COLBERT MEETING  
BECOMES CAUSTIC**  
Tusculum, April 23.—(Special).—Opening with a denunciation of the administration of Gov. Thomas E. Kilby, the Taxpayers' league of Colbert county met at the courthouse here today.

John W. Johnson, one of the large property owners of the county, criticized the state administration for what he termed its extravagance in the management of affairs, and said some relief from the assessments should be had. The meeting was attended by about 60 people of the county. There was no spontaneous outburst of enthusiasm.

A big majority of the people of this county are not in sympathy with the purposes of the Taxpayers' league. However, a committee was named to attend the state meet at Montgomery next Wednesday composed of J. A. Kernachan, John W. Johnson, Henry A. Rand, Fred Street, James T. Kirk and Joseph H. Nathan.

**SCORES ATTEND  
IN DALLAS COUNTY**  
Selma, April 23.—(Special).—A rousing meeting of the citizens of Dallas county was held at the courthouse today to organize a taxpayers' league and to name delegates to attend the state-wide conference to be held at Montgomery next Wednesday. Representative planters, farmers, merchants and business men, hailing from virtually every precinct in the county, were present.

The meeting was called to order by J. R. Hain, temporary chairman, who was immediately elected permanent chairman for the county. Senator J. B. Ellis, who is chairman of the Fourth district, was introduced and made a stirring talk on the subject of the new tax laws and denounced what he termed an "oligarchy" in our state government. He said the people were tired of having their laws enacted on the first floor of the state capitol instead of on the second floor.

M. L. Calhoun followed Mr. Ellis and referred to the acute situation now prevailing as being due to inflated assessments and the deflated dollar with which all taxes must now be met. J. B. Hain took occasion to say that the present organization of the taxpayers will be held intact to fight future assessments, which, he said, would be made even higher than they are now. If the people did not keep a vigilant eye on the officials. Other short talks were made.

A general committee of delegates to go to Montgomery was then named, each of them signifying his acceptance to the commission.

**BUTLER COUNTY  
ELECTS DELEGATES**  
Greenville, April 23.—(Special).—Butler county is bitterly opposed to the present tax situation and system in Alabama as demonstrated in a rousing meeting of over 500 of the tax payers of the county at the court auditorium in this city today where definite steps were taken in a concerted effort to get immediate relief. It was also demonstrated at this meet-

## THE WEATHER

Washington, April 23.—Alabama and Mississippi: Fair and warmer Sunday, Monday unsettled, probably showers and thunderstorms.

Georgia: Fair and warmer Sunday, Monday increasing cloudiness.

Tennessee: Fair and warmer Sunday, Monday unsettled, probably showers and thunderstorms.

### Local Data

For the 24 hours ending at 7 p. m., April 23:

Highest temperature	81
Lowest temperature	52
Mean temperature	66
Normal temperature	66
Excess in temperature since January 1	1.85
Rainfall since January 1	20.15
Total rainfall since January 1	1.44
Relative humidity: 7 a. m.	83
12 noon	62
7 p. m.	56
Dry thermometer: 7 a. m.	77
12 noon	77
7 p. m.	73
Wet thermometer: 7 a. m.	63
12 noon	69
7 p. m.	58

The Greenland birch, the world's shortest tree, grows less than three inches in height, but often covers two or three feet of ground.

## BIRMINGHAM AND MONTGOMERY ROAD ADDS NEW CHAPTER

Montgomery, April 23.—(Special).—Project agreements calling for the expenditure of more than \$1,000,000 on the Birmingham-Montgomery highway through Shelby and Chilton counties have been delivered to the federal bureau of public roads by the state highway department.

This does not mean work will be started on the roads soon, but does mean the state is attempting to place with the federal government all project agreements which will protect Alabama's portion of the federal highway appropriation until the state is able to match it dollar for dollar.

It is proposed to construct the Shelby county section of bituminous macadam at a cost of \$529,484. The Chilton county section will be surfaced with gravel at a cost of \$580,460. The road through the two counties is a little more than 57 miles long.

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